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I am writing to support the WE LEAD request for an advisory opinion to allow donations to be earmarked for the presumptive nominee of the Democratic Party. I believe that it is critically important to encourage small donors to participate in the political process and to donate to candidates so that their voices can be heard.

The approach that WE LEAD wants to follow will allow many small donors to contribute whatever they can to a savings account which will go to the final nominee. Perhaps a small donor would like to make a series of donations over several months.

With the WE LEAD approach, donors could make their small contributions once or regularly and these would go to the nominee once it was clear who that person was.

If a donor supported a specific primary candidate, he or she could support that candidate directly. But if the donor wanted to support the nominee, then there is a small window of time when the donor could give before the convention. After that they could no longer give to the nominee. The WE LEAD approach helps in these ways:

- by giving a large amount at one time WE LEAD will ensure that the nominee will realize the power of small donors
- by allowing donors to give over several months the growing power of small donors can be emphasized to encourage other small donors to contribute
- small donors can make several contributions over several months

Please vote to approve the WE LEAD requested advisory opinion.

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